

## Office of the Secretary of Defense

## § 347.5

Services,” as used herein, refers to the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard.

(b) Members appointed to serve on the ACDE, the NAP, the DEC, and other EACs established under authority of 20 U.S.C. 2701 et seq., and DoD Instruction 1342.15.

### § 347.3 Mission.

The mission of the DoDDS is to provide, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 2701 et. seq. and DoD Directive 1342.13,<sup>4</sup> a free public education of high quality from pre-kindergarten through grade twelve for eligible minor dependents of U.S. military and civilian personnel of the Department of Defense stationed overseas; and under 20 U.S.C. 1400 et. seq. and DoD Instruction 1342.12,<sup>5</sup> to provide a free appropriate education for children with disabilities, ages 3 through 21; and, under 20 U.S.C. 3731(g), to provide a community college program for eligible students in Panama.

(a) The DoDDS shall also provide programs designed to meet the special needs of:

- (1) The disabled.
- (2) Individuals in need of compensatory education.
- (3) Individuals with an interest in vocational education.
- (4) Gifted and talented individuals.
- (5) Individuals of limited English-speaking ability.
- (6) A developmental preschool program for eligible dependents who are of preschool age.

(b) The DoDDS may also provide, to the extent funds are available:

- (1) Extracurricular and co-curricular programs and activities to enrich the school environment and experience.
- (2) Student travel to compete in interscholastic programs and competitions.

### § 347.4 Organization.

(a) The DoDDS is established as an organizational element of the DoD Education Activity (DoDEA), a DoD Field Activity operating under the direction, authority, and control of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force

Management and Personnel) (ASD(FM&P)). It shall consist of:

- (1) A Director.
- (2) The Office of Dependents' Education, which is the headquarters element of the DoDDS.
- (3) A subordinate organizational structure and such subordinate activities as shall be established by the Director, DoDDS, within resources authorized by the ASD(FM&P).

(b) An ACDE shall be established, in accordance with 20 U.S.C. et. seq., and DoD Directive 5105.4,<sup>6</sup> to advise the ASD(FM&P) and the Director, DoDDS, on improvements to achieve and maintain a high quality public educational program.

(c) A DEC shall be established to provide a consultative relationship between the ASD(FM&P) and the Director, DoDDS, and the Commanders of Unified Combatant Commands and major Service Commands to consider questions of educational policy, and matters related to facilities, logistics, and administrative support provided to the DoDDS by the Military Services.

(d) An Overseas Dependents' Schools National Advisory Panel on the Education of Disabled Dependents shall be established to advise the Director, DoDDS, regarding the needs and requirements for the education of disabled children, as well as the rules and standards that should be developed and maintained for the operation of the system.

(e) Other EACs shall be established to ensure effective communication between school administrators at all levels of administration within the DoDDS and the total school community. The operation of the EACs shall be in accordance with DoD Directive 1342.15.

### § 347.5 Responsibilities and functions.

(a) The Director, DoD Dependents Schools, shall perform all duties necessary to organize, manage, fund, direct, and supervise the complete operation of the DoDDS. These duties include, but are not limited to, the following duties:

- (1) Serve as the principal advisor and staff assistant to the ASD(FM&P) on

<sup>4</sup>See footnote 1 to § 347.1(c).

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